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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, Applicants hereby respond with the following remarks.

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Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 1-16 in view of the teachings of Laing ('356). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the arguments for patentability made below.

Laing discloses a cooling device for a semiconductor apparatus comprising a chamber enclosing a non-metallic crystal forming material which can undergo a phase change at a temperature which corresponds to the desired operating temperature of the semiconductor component. More specifically, the semiconductor component that is in heat conductive